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## Selectboard hears from Justice Collaborative

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Justice Collaborative received unanimous support for a proposed public art project from the Belchertown Selectboard on Monday.

The project includes the creation of a zine, a self-published magazine, and three to four murals on electrical boxes in town.

The group proposed committing about \$400 through fundraising as well as seeking funding through a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council for about \$600.

“The project will be to install a public art project that will foster community engagement in the transformation of town spaces

and the creation of accessible art about themes of inclusion, diversity and equity,” states the group’s press release. “The goal of this project is to bolster our community around inclusive and culturally conscious public art. This project will begin with a community call for art, images, and design submissions from town residents around the chosen theme. Community members will have approximately a month to submit images, designs and artifacts that they want to see featured either on a local electrical box or in a zine that will be distributed physically and digitally to the public.”

BJC member Olive Smith said the group spoke with both the Dept. of Public Works Director Steve Williams as well as the



ARCHIVE PHOTO

The Belchertown Justice Collaborative came before the Belchertown Selectboard on Monday with a new project including a zine and art project on the town’s electrical boxes. The group held a vigil for Black people who died because of police brutality last summer.

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### EDUCATION

## Belchertown schools go remote following COVID-19 spike

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff Writer

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Public Schools transitioned to remote learning beginning on Jan. 13, according to an announcement from Superintendent Brian Cameron on Friday, Jan. 8.

While school offices and the central office will remain open (normal hours, four days per week), the district is fully remote. Cameron wrote that hybrid learning will begin again on Jan. 28 with cohort B students preschool through 12th grade.

High school sports will not practice or compete while the dis-

trict is fully remote.

The number of cases and positivity rate in Belchertown has been increasing over the past few weeks and Cameron predicted that it would continue on that trend for the immediate future.

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### COVID-19

## Officials talk COVID numbers, potential vaccine clinic

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown’s COVID-19 cases have dropped from 73 to 43 according to weekly data from the Quabbin Health District.

From Sunday, Jan. 3 to Saturday, Jan. 9, there were a total of 47 new cases, bringing the total COVID-19 cases up to 452. There have been total of 15 deaths due to COVID-19, remaining the same from the previous week’s data.

Belchertown has a case positivity rate of 6.98%, from Dec. 20 to Jan. 2 according to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health metrics. The previous week was 4.83%. The rate per 100,000 if 46.7, which was higher than the previous week of 32.5.

Selectboard members discussed the recent news related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gail Gramarossa told the board about the recent designation into “red,” told the board about progress with the vaccine and discussed the potential for a clinic in Belchertown.

“Coincidentally (the COVID-



**I’M HOPING AND ENCOURAGING AS MANY OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VACCINE IN THE COMING DAYS.”**

**GAIL GRAMAROSSA**  
BELCHERTOWN  
SELECTBOARD CHAIR

19 task force) met about a half an hour after the state declared that we are in the red zone based on our testing, positivity rate and cases,” Gramarossa said. “The map the state has been using they made some changes in the criteria, but even under the new definition. Belchertown has been categorized in the red zone.”

Monday marked the first day vaccinations were available for first responders from Hampshire

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**COMMUNITY**

**Rep. Jake Oliveira officially sworn-in**

**STAFF REPORT**

**BOSTON** — In a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House yesterday, Governor Charlie Baker officially administered the oath of office to the 192nd Massachusetts General Court. Among those in attendance was newly-elected Representative Jacob Oliveira of Ludlow—who represents the Seventh Hampden District containing Ludlow and parts of Belchertown, Chicopee and Springfield. Representative Oliveira has become a new face to the seat after longtime incumbent Thomas Petrolati announced he would not seek re-election last year.

“It was a great honor to be sworn-in to represent the residents of Ludlow, Belchertown, Springfield and Chicopee” said Representative Oliveira (D-Ludlow). “I want to especially thank my family, friends, and community for all of their love and support over the years, I would not be in this position today without them. I’m looking forward to working hard to fight for and humbly serve this district.”

Oliveira said he was remiss to not be able to have his family and friends in attendance for this special moment, but acknowledged the importance of safety in these difficult times. He said that his loved ones and many of his supporters watched virtually, over livestream, to celebrate the accomplishment.

The new representative is ready to get to work on issues facing the people of his district and the Commonwealth.

“I know there is much work ahead of us in the coming days and I hope that I will make our community proud as I fight hard for the people of the Seventh Hampden District. This is a tough time for us all, and I want our community to know I will be there by their side through it all,” said Oliveira.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Rep. Jake Oliveira was sworn into office in Boston last week.

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**Fire Chief Screening Committee seeks members**

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Board of Selectmen is accepting letters of interest from individuals interested in serving on the Fire Chief Screening Committee.

The ideal screening committee will include members from the community

with diverse backgrounds, skills or knowledge in Fire/Rescue Operations, Emergency Medical Services, drug/substance abuse, public safety, general government functions, and residents at large are encouraged to apply.

The deadline to apply to be a mem-

ber is 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021.

To apply for the position submit a letter of interest to: Board of Selectmen, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by email to selectmen@belchertown.org.

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DOWNTOWN NORTHAMPTON

COMMUNITY

New book details heroin addiction in western Mass.

DALTON ZBIERSKI  
Staff Writer

AGAWAM – During the COVID-19 pandemic, another grave epidemic has all but slipped from the public eye. Opioid addiction is a crisis, one that takes the lives of thousands of Massachusetts residents each year and has plagued the region for decades.

Mike Tourville, an Agawam author with Chicopee roots, recently completed “Voices from the Fallen,” a book that chronicles the struggles of eight western Massachusetts residents battling substance abuse.

“These aren’t case studies; case studies are dry and clinical. These are deeply personal,” said Tourville, who’s publication is available on Amazon both in print and digitally. “You almost feel like you’re in the story yourself; you feel like you’re part of it and you feel what they feel. That’s what I wanted to do with this; make people feel like they’re living it with them.”

As it delves into the depths of addiction, “Voices from the Fallen,” is based entirely in truth. The background of each real-life character differs from the next, Tourville’s deliberate attempt to ensure that the book reaches a variety of targeted audiences.

“A reader may say, ‘Seven of these stories don’t jive with me, but one of them did,’ and that’s all that matters. That can



Mike Tourville

be the difference,” said Tourville. “There’s a 53-year-old grandfather, who started using heroin. I’ve got a pregnant woman who is using heroin and a Hispanic guy from Holyoke. I’ve got a 19-year-old kid who lives in a very affluent neighborhood and everything in between.”

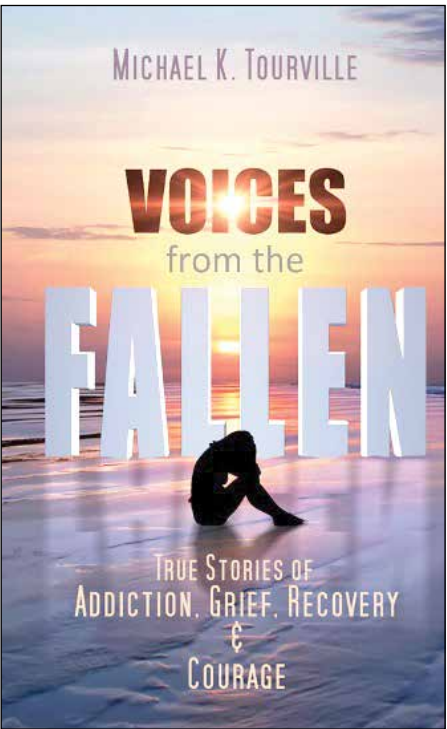
Each story featured within “Voices from the Fallen” is written in the first person, allowing readers to emotionally connect with characters.

Tourville spent countless hours researching and communicating with families who have been affected by the Opioid Epidemic, including those who have lost loved ones to addiction.

Tourville, who has two teenage granddaughters, wrote the book in an attempt to educate youths both locally and nationally on the dangers posed by substance abuse. He walked a fine line as he compiled each story, hoping to create a product that is suitable for a high school classroom.

“I didn’t want to whitewash it, but it couldn’t be too graphic. It was really important to have this be accepted by high school students and be recommended by teachers and parents,” said Tourville. “What’s the point of having a book that helps to prevent drug use if parents don’t want their high school aged children reading it? I had to write it with that in mind and didn’t want to turn people off.”

Thus far, “Voices from the Fallen” has



COURTESY PHOTOS

“Voices from the Fallen” a newly-released book by Agawam author Mike Tourville, offers a grave but necessary look at drug addiction in western Massachusetts.

received rave reviews from a number of sources. Actor Dean Cain remarked that it does a “fantastic job taking us into the mind of the addict.”

Agawam Mayor William Sapelli was

also left with a positive impression. He cited the importance of communicating difficult stories in an attempt to ensure the safety of the community.

“These hard-hitting experiences are extremely impactful and have the potential to save lives of those in a similar situation,” said Sapelli. “The extraordinary courage of these individuals and family members to share their personal stories with the intent of assisting others goes above and beyond expectations. This book is essential reading for those who are at risk or know anyone who may be.”

While the book is finished, Tourville’s mission is not complete; more stories are to come. Tourville expressed his desire to continue engaging audiences of all background to increase knowledge regarding the severity of drug addiction in western Massachusetts.

Common perceptions and stereotypes can be quite misleading, and Tourville hopes to demolish them. “Voices from the Fallen” serves to remind the public that an individual in need of assistance can be closer than one may think.

“The hard part of that is there’s such a diverse group of people who are affected by substance abuse,” said Tourville. “It’s old people, it’s young people, it’s males and it’s females; people of different races and levels of affluence. I’m hoping this book can inspire people to step up and do something because too often a lot of people don’t know what to do.”

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“While the number of positive cases within our schools remains low, the increased level of positive COVID-19 cases in the community is causing a large number of students and staff to be out because of the need to quarantine due to close contact with infected individuals,” Cameron wrote. “This is decreasing our capacity to provide adequate staffing in our schools. Furthermore, the regional rise in cases

since the holiday break is overwhelming contact tracing centers and is increasing the time that it takes testing centers to return test results. This, too, is negatively impacting our ability to provide consistent, high-quality instruction to all students.”

Beginning on Jan. 13, the district will be fully remote for grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

During the time the school district is remote, the food service department will continue to provide free curbside meal kit pickup to all children 18 and younger.

Clapp Memorial Library  
upcoming teen events

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – The Clapp Memorial Library’s Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet virtually to celebrate the New Year on Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. The Teen

Advisory Board is a group of seventh to twelfth grade students who propose library programming for teens and provide input on teen services. To receive the link to join the meeting, teens must e-mail [clapplibrarytab@gmail.com](mailto:clapplibrarytab@gmail.com) to register. New members are welcome.

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If you would like to join the Home Delivered Meals team of drivers as a substitute, please call the Belchertown Selectmen’s Office, at (413) 323-0403, for an application packet. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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# Belchertown Selectboard announces board/committee vacancies

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Belchertown Board of Selectmen is looking for citizens interested in sharing their expertise by serving on a Town Board/Committee. If you have time and are interested in getting involved in your Town's activities, please submit a letter of interest to: Board of Selectmen, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by email to [selectmen@belchertown.org](mailto:selectmen@belchertown.org) (unless otherwise indicated below). The Town wishes to fill the following vacancies:

**Cultural Council:** The Town wishes to fill a vacancy on the Cultural Council. The Council promotes an appreciation of the arts and culture by participating in the development and administration of funds for local cultural activities.

The deadline has been extended to 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021.

**Fair Committee:** The Town wishes to fill a vacancy on the Fair Committee. If you are interested in playing an active role in the planning process of the Annual Belchertown Fair and Parade, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen's Office.

The deadline has been extended to 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021.

**Historic District By-Law Commission:** The Town wishes to fill an associate member seat (non-voting) and an at-large (full member) seat on the Historic District By-Law Commission. The Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the

Historic District which are visible from any public street, public way or public park.

The deadline has been extended to 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021.

**Zoning Board of Appeals – Associate Member:** The ZBA is responsible for hearing and deciding on applications for Special Permits, Variances and Appeals from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

The deadline has been extended to 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021.

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Historical District Bylaw Commission because of the locations of the electrical boxes.

"We were going to have an open call around a theme that is focused on community injustice, there were a couple of titles in the grant. 'Loud and proud' is one of them, 'Another perspective' is another," Smith said. "It's more of a focus on bringing in voices we don't see front and center. We would then pick a couple to put on the electrical boxes and hire diverse artists to execute the art there."

Smith said submissions of designs including children's drawings, photos, etc. would be put into a zine which would be published online and used as "a wider lens of all of the diverse voices and perspectives."

Selectboard Chair Gail Gramarossa suggested that the group share the images via social media or emails.

"When the designs or images are finalized, there may be even additional opportunities for volunteers to help spread and share them so people can see them even more frequently," she said.

Selectboard member Ed Boscher said he thought the project was a great idea. He also wanted to know how the images would be selected.

"Two people can look at the same image and have two completely different reactions," Boscher said.

BJC member Tess Williams said she believed the group should do outreach in the community if the grant is approved.

"We are a group of 14 people deeply tied to the community and we definitely want to play our part in choosing the

designs," said Williams. "We're also a large community and we could narrow it down to the top few designs and have the community weigh in as well."

The group proposes to have the project done by June 25, the one-year anniversary of the group's first event.

"This timing also allows us to make space to represent and celebrate the LGBTQ people and identities during pride month," according to the BJC proposal. "As an organization we strive to recognize, acknowledge, and convey intersecting identities and oppressions, therefore it is important for us to celebrate LGBTQ identities in addition to BIPOC identities always, especially during pride month."

Selectboard member Jim Barry brought up Juneteenth as a potential launch date as well.

Williams said the group would need to consider timing.

"I think we might need to talk over timing more with the DPW, because it seems like some of the best electrical boxes are going to be brand new this spring," Williams said.

Gail Gramarossa said the board wanted to take the opportunity to talk about some plans for future meeting in consultation with the BJC as one of the board's goals in 2020 was to look at issues of diversity and inclusion.

"We're asking of you all in the justice collaborative is to have further dialogue with us (Selectboard member Nick) O'Connor and I are trying to be the lead and co-lead for the board's efforts on diversity and inclusion," Gramarossa said. "I would certainly want to talk about what might be feasible, doable and how we might do more community dialogue."

## GRANBY

# Granby Fire advises of open burning season

## STAFF REPORT

**GRANBY** – Granby Interim Fire Chief Robert Czerwinski would like to advise residents that the open burning season will resume on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021. The burning season will run through May 1, 2021. Hours of burning are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No permits will be issued after 12 p.m.

Fire Department personnel will determine each day whether conditions are safe for open burning. Weather and air quality can change rapidly, especially in the spring, and fire departments can rescind permits when that happens.

You are allowed to burn:

- Brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris (but not from commercial or industrial land clearing)
  - Agricultural materials including fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, and infected beehives for disease control.
  - Trees and brush from agricultural land clearing
  - Fungus-infected elm wood; if no other acceptable means of disposal is available
- You may not burn:
- Leaves
  - Brush, trees, cane or driftwood from commercial or industrial land clearing
  - Grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires

- Construction materials or demolition debris
- Household trash

The Granby Fire Department asks that you keep fire extinguishing materials handy. These should include a water supply, shovels and rakes. The water supply can be a pressurized water fire extinguisher, pump can, or garden hose.

Fire Chief Czerwinski reminds residents to burn as close as possible to the source of material being burned. All open burning shall be at least 75 feet from all buildings. A competent adult should be present during the burning.

Due to COVID restrictions and the inability to allow residents into the fire station, all permit fees will be waived this year. Fire Chief Czerwinski requests that any day a resident, wishes to burn, they please call the fire station at 467-9696 to see if burning will be allowed that day and to provide the address so the fire department can track the locations of permitted fires.

Agricultural burning permits will also be available. Agricultural burning is allowed for burning of brush and trees resulting from agricultural land clearing operations.

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## ■ OPINION

### GUEST COLUMN

# So you want to hike in Winter?

JULIE MIDURA

The “NH 48” is a list of New Hampshire’s tallest peaks which meet or exceed 4,000 feet of elevation. In 1957, a group of outdoor enthusiasts decided to create a club which would keep track of and recognize every hiker who climbed all 48 mountains. Once a hiker finishes hiking all 48 peaks, he or she may apply to become a member of the White Mountain 4,000 Footer Club. My husband Tom and I completed the list in September 2018. Since its inception, approximately 15,200 hikers have become members of the Club.

However, there is a separate winter award given to those who complete all 48 of the 4,000-footers during official winter. Due to the inherent risks and potential dangers that exist while hiking in the mountain region that has a reputation for having the worst weather in the world, only 843 hikers have been recognized as having completed the list in winter. While Tom and I initially decided that only those who suffer with some form of insanity would attempt such a feat, we have since joined the ranks of those who think climbing a 4,000-foot mountain in winter would be “fun.”

So with the winter season upon us, we headed to New Hampshire last week for our second attempt to reach the summit of Mt. Cabot. In February 2018, we turned back in defeat just three tenths of a mile from the summit due to thigh high snowdrifts, wind chills in the negative 30s, and early signs of frostbite. It would have been our 10th Winter 4K at the time... but the mountain clearly had other plans.

The mountains have taught us

many lessons in the years since that day, and with each ascent – whether successful or not – we continue to learn. Our successes and failures have helped us become better equipped and more prepared for whatever the mountain throws at us. If you hike during winter, whether to the summit of a mountain or on a hike in the valley, you may appreciate these hard-earned lessons:

1. Always check the weather before you venture outdoors, but be prepared for the unexpected. More often than not, the actual weather that we encountered is not what was forecasted.

2. Set a cutoff limit regarding temps. We’ve decided that we won’t hike when the wind chill temperature at the summit is below negative 15 degrees. Know your personal comfort level.

3. Winter legs are earned... not given. It takes several hikes before your legs become conditioned for the rigors of hiking in snowshoes, crampons, and micro-spikes. Lower your expectations regarding the mileage you will be able to complete on your first few hikes of the season.

4. Carrying extra gear in winter is worth the sense of security in knowing that we could survive an unexpected night on the mountain if we had to. Don’t be so self assured to think, “That will never happen to me.” It can. (Tom never imagined he’d break his fibula coming off of Bondcliff... until he did.)

5. Use nalgene bottles for your



Julie and Tom heading up Mt. Cabot, which they were able to summit on their second attempt.

water in winter rather than hydration bladders, which tend to freeze solid in cold temps. Place them in either an insulated holder or in a thick wool sock. Fill the bottles with hot water so they don’t freeze as quickly. Place them upside down in your pack, since ice forms from the top down. Pro-tip: If your clumsy – as I am – place a silicone straw in the bottle to sip from so that you don’t spill water all over yourself when you lift the bottle to your mouth. (not that that has ever happened to me!).

6. Always carry your phone.

Either place it in a pocket close to your body, or place a foot warmer on it to prevent the battery from dying.

7. Be prepared to turn back if the weather turns bad. No mountain is worth risking your health or life for.

If you hike in winter, I highly recommend the book, “The Last Traverse” by Ty Gagne. It’s a true story of two hikers who attempted a traverse of Franconia Ridge in New Hampshire in winter when a storm

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### GUEST COLUMN

## Fun finding flowers

One might say I have a soft spot for heirloom flowers. Learning about these antiques as a twenty-something when I started working at Old



Sturbridge Village likely set the stage for what I dub a long-term love affair. Just today I placed orders for seeds of my favorites, among the many are a number of foxglove and pink species. Read on to learn about the cream of the crop of cottage garden favorites.

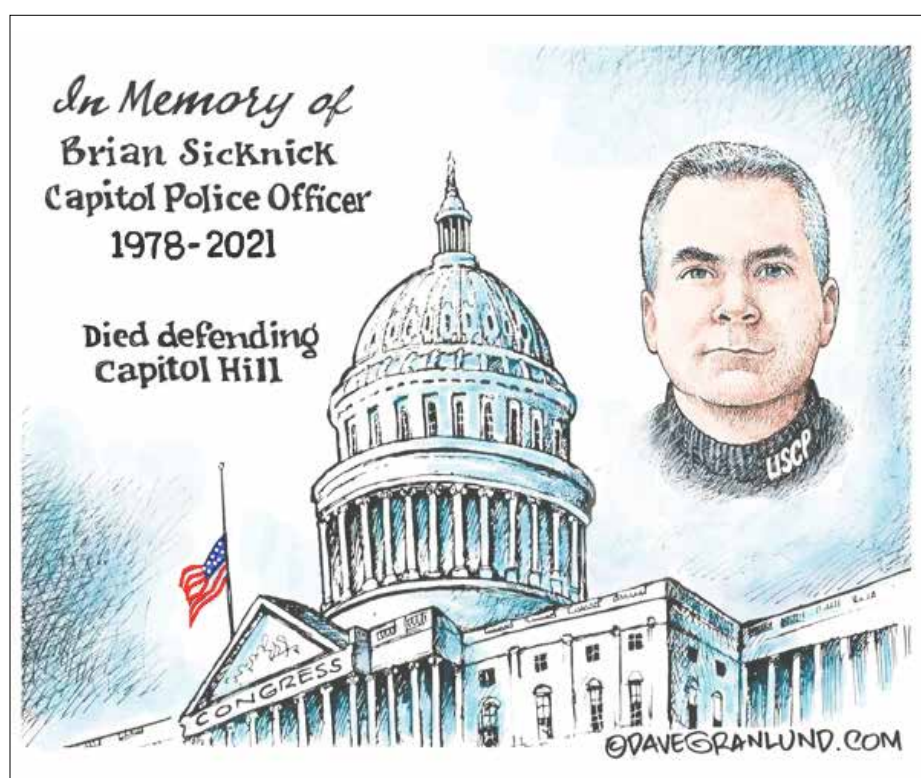
There has always been a secretive side to foxgloves, due in part to an unusual name and the potent medicine that is obtained from the plant. Legend has it that foxglove

was derived from “folk’s glove”, folks referring to the elves and fairies of country lore. Another legend tells that the fox needed magical gloves to steal a chicken or two. A less fanciful explanation traces glove to gleow in Old English; a gleow was an ancient musical instrument made of bells suspended from a curved frame. I think the description fits the look pretty accurately! The following species I grow with success; please use caution when planting around children due to poisonous properties.

Native to Western Europe, the common foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) has had a place in North American gardens since its introduction during colonial times. Tall purple spikes grace rise from basal foliage and make a strong statement in the June garden in sun or part shade, fertile ground. Although biennial, this species will self-seed prolifically. Try ‘alba’ for a all white strain.

There are other, more subtle species of foxglove worthy of a home in your garden. One of my top picks is the Rusty Foxglove (*Digitalis ferruginea*). Small flowers the color of liquid gold bloom up three to six-foot stems late in the summer. Although touted as being a biennial this species has happily returned for several years in my part shade, moisture retentive location. The yellow foxglove

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### LETTER

## Provision Pantry appreciations the support

Dear editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Belchertown and the following organizations for their support and generosity during 2020 for the Provisions’ Pantry at Dwight Chapel: Belchertown Lions Club, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Stop and Shop in Belchertown, Hope United Methodist Church in Belchertown, Community Aid Network and all those who gave through

these organizations on their own. Their donations have allowed us to purchase non-perishable food items and other necessities to keep the pantry well stocked through the coming months. It is a privilege to be partners with so many in meeting the needs of our families and friends here in Belchertown.

Sincerely,

**Jacqueline Annis** on behalf of the Provisions’ Pantry at Dwight Chapel

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# Run a half-marathon and help local veterans

WARE — Here’s a great way to fulfill your New Year’s resolutions while helping local veterans and military families.

The Brookfield Institute’s Virtual HomeFront Strong Holiday Half-Marathon kicked off on Christmas Day. Runners and walkers can sign up now, then start training — and building resilience. Once the 13.1 miles have been completed in one fell swoop, the mileage from a tracking app can be sent to the organizers. Runners and walkers will receive a T-shirt. The fastest finishers will be recognized on the Brookfield Institute website and on social media. The virtual half-marathon runs until Valentine’s Day.

The event is a fundraiser for the Brookfield Institute’s HomeFront Strong program, which connects trained volunteers with veterans and military families. The entry fee for the Half-Marathon is \$30. Runners and walkers of any age and ability are invited to participate.

To register, go to the Brookfield Institute website, [www.brookfieldinstitute.org](http://www.brookfieldinstitute.org).

## HIKE • from page 6

blew in. We’ve already hiked that ridge in winter, but reading that book has compelled us to add several additional pieces of emergency gear to our winter arsenal.

In addition to the 10 essentials that we carry year round, in winter we carry a lightweight emergency tarp, camp stove, a neoprene face mask, extra hat, extra mittens, extra socks, hand/foot and body warmers, a z-rest sleep pad cut in half, ski goggles, a battery pack to recharge our phones, spare batteries for our headlamp, and an emergency locator beacon.

Accidents happen, but I don’t want a poor decision on my part to be the reason that members of a search and rescue party risk their own lives. What we do is inherently risky. It’s up to us to minimize those risks by being prepared. Especially in winter – when a mistake can make the difference between life and death – it’s crucial to make wise choices and trust your instincts.

Our second winter attempt of Mt. Cabot was a successful one this time. Unlike the sunny skies that the weather forecast predicted, we hiked in a snow globe all day, and the summit temps were in the single digits. The added bonus was that we had to smack our feet against rocks 3,685 times – or thereabouts – in order to remove the baseball sized ice clumps that continuously formed on the bottom of our micro-spikes due to all of the water beneath the fresh coating of snow.

But we made it to the summit, reaching our 35th mountain on the list during winter.

We hope to complete the remaining 4Ks by the end of the season. I am approaching the final 13 with slight trepidation. Those that remain are the “big ones.” They either require a lengthy road walk, are incredibly steep, or are above tree line and exposed to the elements for a prolonged period of time.

Mt. Washington, the highest mountain in New England, is one that we still need to climb. “The Rock Pile,” as it is affectionately called, is known for having the worst weather in the world. The winter conditions on Washington’s summit rival those found on Mt. Everest.

However, we have a huge amount of respect, both for the mountains we plan to climb, and for the weather that we may encounter. We have seen the list and have read the reports of those who have succumbed to the elements in the White Mountain Region.

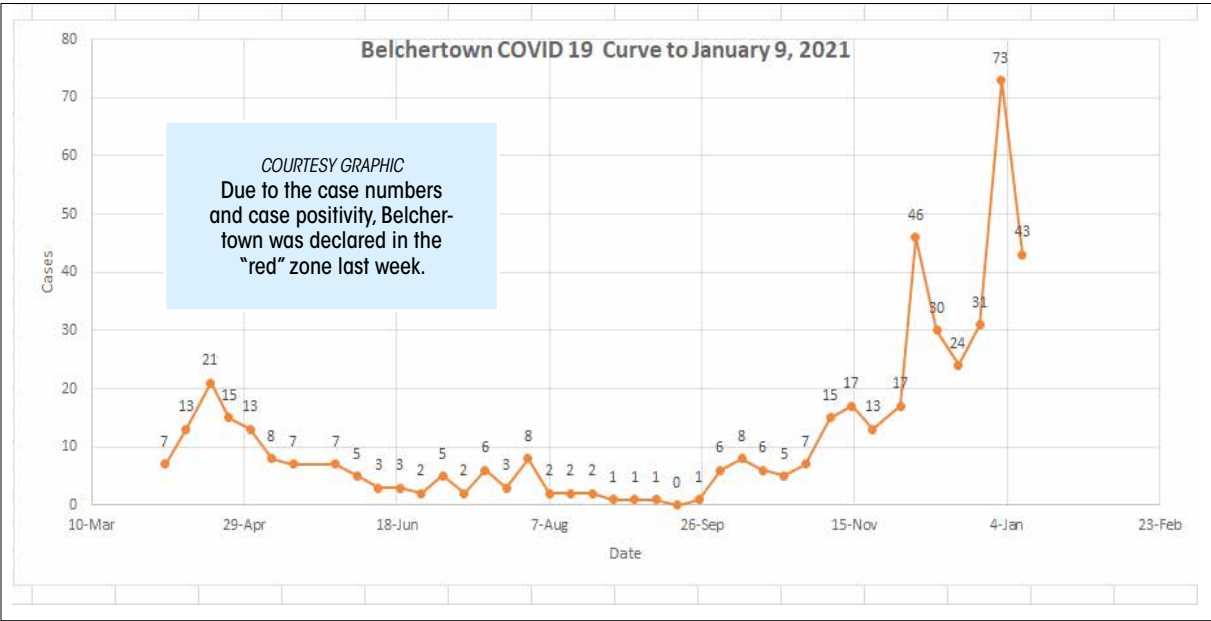
We are no match against the limitless power of the mountains. In a battle of wills, we will not win. We realize that they have no concern for our welfare. We know how insignificant and inconsequential we are in the shadow of the mountain. We are aware of the power of nature’s fury as we enter her space. We will heed her warnings. We will bow to her fluctuating moods. We will leave if she tells us that she doesn’t want us there.

We must, if we are to continue to rise to meet the mountaintops.

Peace, and hike on!



Julie on one of the ledges. Just 13 4K mountains left to conquer this winter!



## COVID-19 • from page 1

and Franklin County in Amherst. The Amherst Health Department is working out of the Bangs Center.

“I’m hoping and encouraging as many of our first responders to take advantage of the vaccine in the coming days,” Gramarossa said.

The selectboard was in support of a potential COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Belchertown.

“Obviously, we’re looking for health care providers are getting vaccinated, first responders, senior center will be looking at it. There is an opportunity, and some communities are organizing for a broader community-wide multi-day vaccination clinic,” Gramarossa said. “It would require we have the vaccine. We know that our board of health and health director are extremely busy. I think it would require addi-

tional volunteers.”

She said paramedics are allowed to be vaccinators.

Selectboard member Jen Turner said she was in full support.

“I think it’s a great idea. I think the more we can bring to the community to have it accessible, especially since we’re such a geographically widespread town I think it would be a great opportunity for us and our residents,” Turner said.

Members of the selectboard then offered to volunteer to help with the clinic.

Town Administrator Gary Brougham said the health director and board of health don’t have the resources to manage a clinic.

“We discussed this on Friday and there’s a number of different components,” he said. “Pre-registration would be required, there would need to be program for folks to dial in. The day of

the event, there would need to be data entry requirements where anyone was pre-registered would need to produce an id, I assume.”

He said the board would enter a high level of support and was waiting for an indication that would support the matter.

Brougham said he would let Quabbin Health District Director Judy Metcalf know about the board’s support because of the undertaking required.

“It’s going to require a big initiative and quite a few players, but personally, I don’t think that waiting for the medical community to be in the position to provide the number of vaccinations that are going to be required to bring relief to local business owners and folks who are living behind closed doors,” Brougham said. “It’s going to require clinic and massive opportunities where many, many people can come out.”

## FLOWERS • from page 6

(D. grandiflora) is a reliable perennial, shorter than most, only 24 to 30 inches tall and blooming a soft yellow in early June. This species also prefers part shade and adequate moisture. The Grecian foxglove (D. lanata), a true biennial, has grayish flowers, blooming in July up three-foot stems. The straw foxglove (D. lutea) begins relatively short in stature but after three or four years can get quite tall at four feet. Its creamy flowers are a mere ¾ inches and are quite unusual, but lovely, and return year after year.

Now on to the pinks. Everyone knows what a florist carnation smells like, flowery with a hint of cloves. Imagine it, but reduce the scale of the flower size and loosen the head a bit and you will be on to Sweet William, (Dianthus barbatus). Prized by florists for its clustered, richly scented three-inch flower heads, seen in white, magenta, salmon and pretty bicolors. Technically a biennial, Sweet William will occasionally return for a third or fourth year of bloom but will likely be spindly at best.

Dianthus gratianopolitanus is a mouthful for a plant better known as Cheddar Pink. Settle for a few quarter-sized fragrant pink blooms in year one, but by mid-June of the second year of the plant, it will be at least a foot to 15 inches wide by eight inches tall with flowers too numerous to count. Each individual floret is composed of five flat petals that get a bit deeper in tone near the center and tatter somewhat at the edge. Curly stamens popping up in the middle add to the interest.

Pheasant-Eye or Cottage Pink, (Dianthus plumarius), is less behaved than its cousin. The silver foliage has a tendency bend and grow in funny, rambling angles, making it a great candidate for draping over the edge of a raised border or rock wall. The flowers are fragrant still, but less prolific than those of Cheddar Pink. Similar in appearance too, except that they have an even more pronounced, dark eye against white, light pink and deep pink petals- giving it the name Pheasant-Eye!

The last pretty pink I’ll mention today is Fringed or Superb Pink (Dianthus superbus). It differs from

Clove and Pheasant Eye in that its foliage is green and less spiky, more grass-like. And while the others top off under a foot, Fringed Pink grows two feet tall or taller. Light pink or purple flowers are deeply fringed, giving them a very delicate appearance that is best admired (and sniffed!) up close.

Many of these Dianthus and Digitalis species are available by seed through JL Hudson, Seedsman ([www.jlhudsonseeds.net](http://www.jlhudsonseeds.net)) and Richters ([www.richters.com](http://www.richters.com)). Plants are easy to grow, best started indoors in late February. Pinks prefer to sprout off-heat, but foxgloves benefit from heating cables. Light will aid in germination for both types; simply press the seed into the soil surface and do not cover.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekenedy@turley.com](mailto:ekenedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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EDUCATION

Belchertown High School Honor Roll

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – The following are the high honor and honor roll students at Belchertown High School for the first quarter.

Grade 12 High Honors

Abigail Akodu, Ethan Andrews, Hannah Bolduc, Cameron Bramucci, Alexandra Brooks, Emma Buffone, Katherine Calnan, Joah Choi, Maxwell Clift, Allison Cote, John Cowles, Nicholas DaCosta, Lauren Daponde, Nathan Dragon, Meredith Dulak, Aidan Endress, Farrah Forkey, Allen Gao, Megan Gilman, Olivia Golenski, Christopher Greene, Sarah Hasegawa-Howard, Kelly Hislop, Sara Howie, Nicole Hubbard, David Hulmes, Cole Irving, Mina Khan, Sara LaFever, Cody Lambert, Ruby Langlois, Sophie Laramée, Erin Lucas, Daniel Mahaney, Abigail McBride, Meredith Medina, Angela Meehan, Ashley Messier, Maya Monteiro, Sienna Murch, Natalie Nowakowski, Chloe Pouliot, Kevin Reidy, Matthew Roy, Victoria Rybicki, Brooke Samborski, Benjamin Schrenzel, Makenzie Smith, Sarrina Smith, Bella St. George, Matthew Stelmokas, Zachary Stowe-Alekman, Andersen Struzziero, Karl Underwood, Olivia Vogel, Thaddeus Wegrzyn, Danae Weldon, Monet Williams, Samuel Winston, Ryan Zawistowski and Stephanie Zepke.

Grade 12 Honors

Laura Bellefleur, Emma Broyczka, Elizabeth Charron, Daniel Chrzanowski, Kaleigh Cooper, Aadon Crisostomo, Shea Cunningham, Gavin Cyr, Haley Denehy, Austin Endelos, Hunter Englert, Emma Gazda, Carlie Howe, Juliana Kopec, Cuinn Lydon, Mackenzie Marshall, Ella Oldenburg, Matthew Pacheco, Alexa Ribeiro, Cassandra Roy, Owen Sedlacek, Madison Smith, Emma Sotiropoulos, Ryan Sullivan-Daley, Jaden Wise and Max Wojcik.

Grade 11 High Honors

Michael Alves, Tara Andrews, Lexi Bourgeois-Meausky, Caitlin Bradshaw, Amy Braese, Haley Bronson, Lydia Collins, Kiernan Corish, Sarah Cormier,

Dylan Duseau, Ashley Fuhrmann, Bella Gagne, Hailey Garrow, Monica Gildea, Grace Greenberger, Samuel Hunt, Alyssa Keeler, Avery Klingensmith, Morgan Knodler, Alexa LaFlamme, Annette Laporte, Hunter LePage, Skye Ljungberg, Dominic Mancuso, Caleigh McCormack, Peyton McLaughlin, Olga Minina, Sara Morley, Aiden Mugford, Ryan O’Neil, Shay O’Neill, Ryan O’Rourke, Muiz Okuwobi, Sophia Poissant, Andrew Pope, Laura Potter, Kiley Queiros, Saylor Reed, Tara Richards, Abigail Rivers, Ty Sayball-Wimmer, Gianna Scott, Sarah Sedlacek, Anthony Smith, Allena Sullivan, Maya Sullivan, Emilia Swiech, Timothy Terault, Thomas Vinagre and Elyssa Wrona.

Grade 11 Honors

Christopher Adzima, Madisyn Auclair, Molly Berenson, Joseph Bianco, Cameron Burnham, Abigail Canale, Natalie Daigle, Andrew Fijal, Lily Hopkins, Danish Humayun, Paige Ivey, Alexina Laporte, Ryann Lauzier, Allyson Linkenhoker, Erik Magner, Sarah Magnus, Johnathan Martial, Amy Mas, Timothy Mitus, Koy Monette, Trevor Mullen, Lesleigh Partlow, Natalya Pikul, Lila Roberts, Timothy Roda, Victoria Ruscio, Melody Saxton, Abigail Soleimani, Jessa Troy and Hannah Wood.

Grade 10 High Honors

Nicholas Adzima, Benjamin Anderson, Chelsea Bachmann-Delgado, Molly Bail, Joseph Baltazar, Ty Bogdanovich, Macie Bolton, Riley Breen, Owen Charron, Lindsey Chrabaszcz, Olivia Condon, Lauren Cooper, Sierra Crisostomo, Ashley Cunningham, Cameron Dean, John DiNapoli, Eileen Fraga, Brandon Gilman, Janelle Gummeson, William Hill, Daniel Holden, Chloe Jenks, Despina Kofides, Paige Lacroix, Isabella LaFlamme, Allanah Lavoie, Joseph Mankowsy, Callan Martin, Tyler McDonald, Abigail Menard, Grace Menard, Aidan Messier, Jacob Murch, Aida Name, Nathaniel Oldenburg, Aayush Patel, Emma Piedade, Jamie Platt, Abigail Potter, Hannah Quesenberry, Zachary Rodrigues, Tiana Rouleau, Hailey Smith, Laura Sotiropoulos, Kamryn Tellier, AJ Terry, Marie Willems, Michelle Zaluga and Karlie Zych.

Grade 10 Honors

Brandon Adamson, Trevor Adamson, Henry Audette, Cameron Buley, Ashton Clark, Ethan Czaporowski, Ryan Decoteau, Jack Dragon, Amber Drummond, Casey Drury, Logan Edreich, Peter Elias, Ryan Fernandes, Hallie Floyd, Isabella Fraga, Luke Gariepy, Jacqueline Gatesman, Ellianna Gazda, Brianna Gladu, James Greene, Brianna Hauschild, Oliver Howe, Alexis Jarnagan, Madeline Jaszek, Andrew Knapp, Maddison LaFountain, Matthew MacKenzie, Stefania Mayo, Brady Moreau, Abigail Olden, Allison Pefaur, Brady Perkins, Hannah Perlak, Lex Piwcio, Karleigh Richter, Alexander Rivas, Colton Ross, Matthew Ryczek, Aiden Torna, Madison Vellozo, Connor White and Emma Withers.

Grade 9 High Honors

Zoe Bate, Logann Beaulieu, Chloe Breton, Ellery Buckowski, Brooke Burrows, Isabella Cebula, Emalee Chaisson, Ronald Cormier, Andrew Daponde, Michaela Dubey, Kasey Gibbons, Derek Gould, Georgia Greenough, Kaley Howes, Rainer Kristensen, Kamila Kwietniak, Olivia Lafayette, Adrianna Laneiro, Bethany Lavoie, Mattingly Marques, Karlie Monteiro, Brielle Murray, Calahan Orzech, Skyler Park, Zoe Patten, Rylan Queiros, Karyna Rondeau, Emily Roy, Jillian Scott, Camden Skaggs, Violet Snook, Victoria Sullivan, Sage Table, Priscilla Thornhill, Cameron Ting, Megan Watts and Kami Wlodyka.

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College NOTES

Alison Rogalewski inducted into national honor society for the allied health professions

NORTH HAVEN, CT - Alison Rogalewski of Belchertown, was recently inducted into Alpha Eta, the national honor society for the allied health professions, during a virtual ceremony. Rogalewski is studying Master of Health Science in Advanced Medical Imaging and Leadership.

To be eligible for induction, undergraduate students must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and graduate students must have a GPA of 3.8 or higher and be in the top 20 percent of the graduating class. All inductees must show a capacity for leadership and achievement, show promise for their profession and be recommended by a faculty member or dean.

“It was such an honor to induct 94 students and four faculty into Alpha Eta and welcome them to a community of esteemed colleagues,” said Janelle Chiasera, dean of the School of Health Sciences. “The faculty and students represent the leadership and caliber of academic excellence that are upheld both by Alpha Eta and by our school - particularly our deep commitment to growing and developing future leaders who we believe are equipped to change the future of health care.”

Area residents named to Dean’s List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, ME - The following students have been named to the Dean’s List for the 2020 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Max Ablicki, of Belchertown  
Sarah Woodford, of Belchertown.

Calandra Damouras named to SUNY Potsdam President’s List

POTSDAM, NY – Calandra Damouras of Belchertown, was recently named to the President’s List at The State University of New York at Potsdam.

Damouras, whose major is Music Performance, was among 1,046 SUNY Potsdam students who were honored for academic excellence in the Fall 2020 semester. College President Dr. Kristin G. Esterberg recognized the students for earning top marks.

To achieve the honor of being on the President’s List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Homework house offers free virtual after school tutoring services

Open to children from Holyoke and surrounding communities

HOLYOKE – Homework House is offering free virtual after school tutoring services to elementary school children in need of extra academic support. Students in Holyoke as well as surrounding communi-

ties can take advantage of this individualized support at no cost. This service will be provided for students in first to sixth grade. All tutoring is provided in a safe virtual environment with qualified tutors.

Homework House has been offering quality after school tutoring for over thirteen years. During the pandemic, tutoring has been provided online and has included support in reading, math, and other areas where students need additional help. This service can lessen the burden of academic

support on parents and caretakers during the pandemic. It can also help to lift student achievement and combat learning loss at this time.

Tutors are retired teachers, education students from many local colleges, and community volunteers all who undergo a strict vetting process and are supervised by Homework House staff.

After school tutoring is offered Monday through Friday during the school year. To make an appointment for tutoring, or for more information about program, please contact Angel Coriano,

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Belchertown Fire-Rescue employs 16 full-time Firefighter/Paramedics, a Volunteer Call Force of approximately 35 Volunteer Firefighters who are very involved in this department. The FY21 departmental operating budget is \$1,895,030. The position's salary range is: \$93,031-\$118,759.  
Residency within 12 air miles of the Belchertown Fire-Rescue Headquarters is highly desirable.  
A job description for this position and an employment application are available by calling the Office of the Board of Selectmen (413-323-0403). The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on February 5, 2021.

MENU  
Belchertown children’s meals program  
For the week of Jan. 18 to 22  
Tuesday through Thursday are small meal kit items  
Small Meal kits (four days due to MLK Holiday)  
Breakfast: muffin, oatmeal with dried fruit, pop tarts, cereal and assorted fruit.  
Lunch: pulled pork sandwich, loaded beef nachos, deli sandwiches, sun butter and jelly sandwich, assorted fruit, 100% juice and vegetables.  
Large meal kits (six days due to MLK Holiday)  
Breakfast: muffin, oatmeal with dried fruit, pop tarts, cereal, bagel, assorted fruit and 100% juice.  
Lunch: pulled pork sandwich, loaded beef nachos, dela sandwiches, grilled cheese with tomato soup, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, assorted fruit, 100% juice and vegetables.  
Note: Pre-k and Kindergarten will offer a daily in-school alternative choice: Muffin, yogurt, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

## Feasting from Your Winter Pantry

A Jones Library webinar

AMHERST – Looking for ways to make a delicious dinner without last minute trips to the market, especially these days? Join the Jones Library for Feasting from Your Winter Pantry: Soul Warming Recipes from Your Pantry, a webinar to be presented by Liz Barbour and hosted by the Jones Library via Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Whether you are a seasoned cook or complete novice, creating a meal from what you've got on hand is always a challenge. We've all stocked our pantries as best we could, and are now trying to figure out how to pull it all together to make an easy, healthy and delicious meal. Join Barbour for this fun and tasty class. Barbour will share her pantry basics and inspire you to be creative with what you've got. Following her discussion, Barbour will demonstrate two pantry recipes anyone can cook at home.

To attend this event, please register advance for this webinar at [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_4grqs8-XQRiSjkGUktOSHw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_4grqs8-XQRiSjkGUktOSHw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You do not need to have a Zoom account or create a Zoom account to participate.

Chef Barbour, owner of The Creative Feast, has been cooking professionally in the Boston area throughout her career. Barbour's cooking demonstrations and recipes have been featured on New Hampshire Chronicle, Channel 9's "Cooks Corner," and in various publications including New Hampshire Magazine and New Hampshire Home. In 2017, Barbour published her first cookbook Beautifully Delicious: Cooking with Herbs & Edible Flowers.

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REGION – Depending on a town’s individual situation, winter schedules have begun formulating in high school boys and girls basketball, swimming, and boys and girls ice hockey.

One thing various schools will be navigating very carefully or not at all is the ability to have fans in high school gymnasiums.

Due to the space confines and the need to keep students in smaller groups, it is almost certain there will be no fans at swim meets, but there could be fans at

some high school gymnasiums and possibly at ice hockey rinks.

However, under the current restrictions by Gov. Charlie Baker, it may not be possible.

During the fall season, the indoor gathering size got as large as 50 people during the most advance phase of the governor’s re-opening plan. But with thousands and thousands of new cases each day coming off the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Baker has shrunk the maximum gathering size indoors to just 10 people.

While schools were exempted or had orders modified, it is not clear, according to the Massachusetts website, how it will apply to fans at high school games. Baker did say at a press conference last week that the 10 or less guideline did not apply to schools with data showing that school could take place safely.

During the fall season, only girls volleyball was held indoors. A few schools did allow just one or two fans per home team player to be in the gymnasium and social distancing and face coverings were required at all times while indoors.

Outdoors, most schools allowed home fans up to a cer-

tain number or issued two or three passes to players and only those with passes were allowed inside venues. A few schools, citing a lack of ability to control the crowds, were forced to bar fans completely in order to allow games to be played.

Holyoke was the first school to be forced to shut down sports due to COVID-related issues. Chicopee, Ludlow, and Wilbraham also experienced similar shutdowns.

Ice hockey is scheduled to begin as well, with arenas including Fitzpatrick, Olympia Ice Center, and Smead hosting a limited number of games. There are only 40 players allowed to participate in games, and it is unclear how many people the arenas will allow to attend games, especially with teams sharing home ice.

Fans should check with their child’s individual schools in order to find out what rules will be in place for fans.

Playing of games could take place around Jan. 21 and about 10 to 12 contests are planned for basketball and hockey. There will be no tournaments for winter season sports.

### RACING

## Granite series adds trip to New London

WALPOLE, N.H. -- Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced on Saturday a trip to New London-Waterford Speedbowl has been set for Saturday, July 24. The race was originally listed as a TBA on the schedule, announced on Dec. 10, but has now been sealed up.

The New London-Waterford event is part of a 15-race announced slate for the New Hampshire based touring series for the new calendar year. The .375-mile asphalt oval, located in Waterford, Connecticut, will mark the second stop in the nutmeg state, as the first will come in the season-opener as part of the NAPA Spring Sizzler at Stafford Motor Speedway on April 24.

The New London-Waterford race will help begin the second half of the season in the hunt to crown a champion.

“Adding this date at Waterford truly gives our schedule a mix of everything for 2021,” Mike Parks, president of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. “Waterford has become one of the tracks that always brings out the top Pro Stock talent. We’re looking forward to heading back to Connecticut.”

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, GSPSS teams competed at New London-Waterford twice in 2020. Joey Pole was crowned the champion in October -- scoring a victory in the process -- while Seekonk Speedway regular David Darling dominated the September event en route to Victory Lane.

For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit the series on the web at [gspss.net](http://gspss.net) or follow on social media via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### BASEBALL



Pitch counts will be instituted in the 2021 high school season, requiring mandatory rest for pitchers between appearances.

## Counting app ‘pitched’ to baseball committee

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REGION – While some sports are struggling to be able to just take place, there is hope that spring sports like softball, lacrosse, and baseball will be able to have somewhat of a normal season.

With that discussion, the Baseball Committee of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has begun further discussions about the uniform record-keeping of pitching.

A couple of years ago, the MIAA agreed to institute pitch counts in high school baseball.

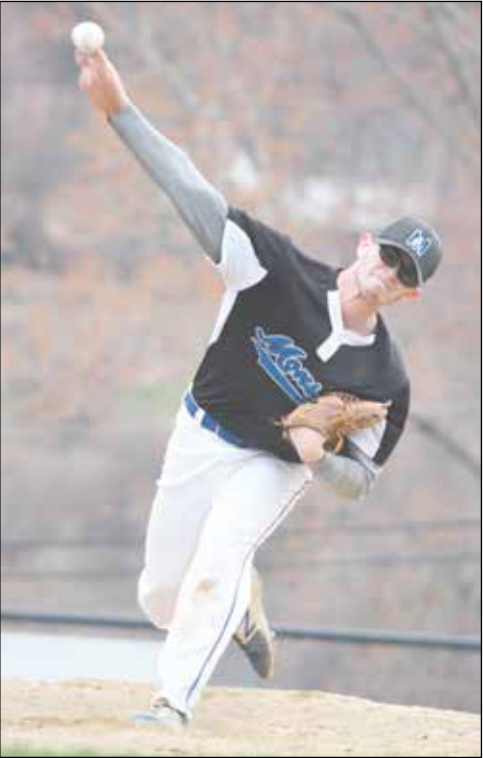
One of the most glaring changes high school coaches will have to deal with is a pitch count, which would require a pitcher to come out of a game once he reaches 115 pitches, and then require at least four days of rest before that individual can pitch again. There are other rest requirements for smaller numbers of pitches.

For South Hadley High School coach Matt Foley, he wonders how the pitch count rule is going to be enforced.

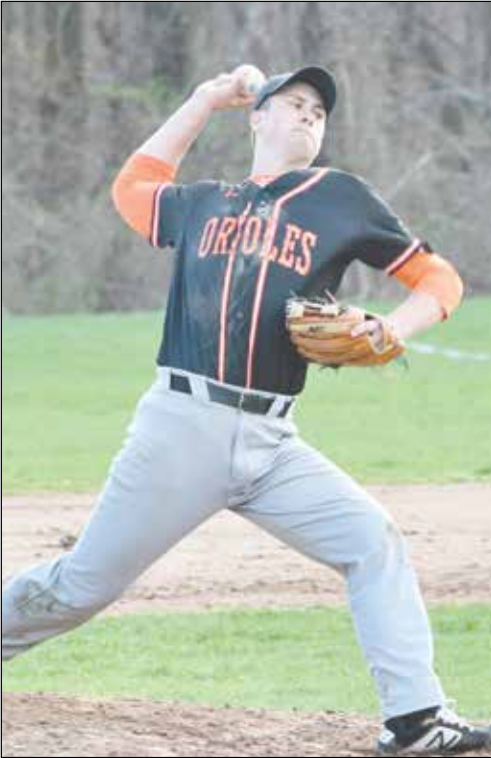
“The MIAA is going to need a system of reporting,” said Foley. “But the two sides are going need to agree on pitch counts during the game.”

Teams will need to have individuals be responsible for keeping accurate pitch count, and new South Hadley Athletic Director Eric Castonguay says there is supposed to be an online reporting system for pitch counts through the MIAA.

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Smaller schools like Monson could struggle with pitch-counting due to a smaller pool of players to choose from.



An app called Change Up could be a solution for easy tracking of pitch counts, providing a database for all high school teams to utilize.



American Legion teams utilized pitch counts in the 2019 summer season.

FILE PHOTOS

SPORTS

Sign-ups now available for 2021 Relics softball



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Western Mass Relics has opened registration for the 2021 Senior Softball Season. The Silver Division (age 50 to 64) has filled 36 of the 112 spots and the Gold Division (65-and-up) has filled 32 of the 96 spots. The registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. All our games are played at the Fish & Game in Ludlow. For further information or to register go to <http://www.westernmassrelics.org>.

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“Pitch counts are supposed to go to Athletic Directors, who will place them online,” Castonguay said not long after the rule was passed.

At a recent Baseball Committee meeting, Change Up, a phone app, was presented to committee members and is an official “PitchSmart” USA Baseball-certified applications.

The app itself is very simple. It provides a comprehensive tracking of a player’s pitching activity across a season.

One huge benefit is that it has automated reporting to a database for the National Federation of High Schools. The MIAA recently adopted NFHS rules in nearly all sports, including baseball. While the app supposedly provides analytics in regards to safety, durability, and effectiveness of a given pitcher, it’s most important factor for high school teams is the ability to document pitch counts and provide access for all teams to access any team’s current pitch status.

While it is very unlikely a high school coach will be concerned with the analytics portion of an athlete’s pitching performances, it will help them determine which pitchers can be used and for how long in a given game. It will also allow for pitching planning to take place, especially for a team that may have three to four games in a given week.

The pitch counting rule is supposed to in full effect in 2021 whenever the season begins. The app is utilized in many states, including most of the Northeast.

If the MIAA reaches a deal for the app, it would address the concerns of Foley and many other high school coaches.

There is still some criticism over how the rule could hamper smaller schools in Division 4, potentially crippling programs and crippling developmental programs like junior varsity as high school coaches could be forced to use extra pitchers from junior varsity teams to meet the pitch count requirements.

American Legion teams in Western Massachusetts utilized pitch counts in the 2019. Pitch counts were agreed to by both teams during games and tracked via the Legion’s website.



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Pioneers to host Pelham clinic

LUDLOW – Western United Pioneers FC is excited to offer a soccer clinic in Pelham, MA for players in the Massachusetts North Region. The fall clinic provides off-season training and skill development by WUP FC coaches. There are two sessions available. sign up for one or both. It makes a great holiday gift for friends and family members.

This program is offered to boys and girls born in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. The four-week program includes one practice per week for a total of \$65 per session (\$130 for 2 sessions). Sessions will consist of a max of 15 players per field (COVID regulation for the players’ safety).

**SESSION 1: MONDAYS 1/25, 2/1, and 2/8**  
Boys and Girls Born 2013 and 2014: Session is at 5 p.m.

**SESSION 2: MONDAYS 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15**  
Boys and Girls Born 2013 and 2014: Session is at 5 p.m.  
Boys and Girls Born 2010, 2011, and 2012: Session is at 6 p.m.

The sessions will be held at Pelham Elementary School at 45 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA 01002.

New umpires needed for 2021 season

REGION – The Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpire Association is looking for individuals who are interested in umpiring baseball at the high school and youth level. The WMBUA services high school baseball and various other leagues in the Greater Springfield area/ Hampden County.

The WMBUA’s first year members class will be held for roughly five to six weeks, beginning in February. The class dates right now are fluid as the organization monitors what happens with the COVID-19 pandemic. Class is usually one or two nights per week from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The class takes place in the First Baptist Church of East Longmeadow’s classrooms at 50 Parker Street. Classes may also be virtual if COVID-19 does not allow for in-person meetings.

If you are interested in taking the classes, contact Chris Meffen, the WMBUA Secretary, via email at [cmeffen8017@gmail.com](mailto:cmeffen8017@gmail.com) or visit the WMBUA website at <http://wmbua.org>.

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A Weekend Counselor is responsible for enhancing the quality of life in the dorms as part of the Eagle Hill Student Life program. This includes fostering a cooperative and considerate residential learning community for all students. The position carries a wide range of duties, responsibilities and requires a high level of commitment of both time and effort. A Weekend Counselor plays a central role in building a residential community for the students

**Responsibilities:**

- Responsible for supporting the student body in their effort to generalize daily living skills.
- Responsible for the smooth operation of the dorm floor, Student Life program, safety and productivity for 15-20 students.
- To serve as a role model by demonstrating responsible behavior, integrity and good judgment.
- Collaborating with faculty serving a Student Life shift, to maintain an organized and consistent dorm floor.
- Enforce rules and ensure adherence to the Student Code of Conduct and dorm floor expectations.
- To listen and provide an empathetic ear and sound judgment by helping students come to their own conclusions about how to address problems.
- To take part in planning and supervising both on and off campus activity programming for students.
- To collaborate information and activities with weekday dorm counselors.
- To assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Director of Weekend Services.

**Specific duties:**

- Be available to reside overnight in the residence halls.
- To provide active leadership in a variety of activities throughout the Student Life program.
- As an information resource, a weekend counselor is expected to help students deal with conflicts by adopting impartial solutions to issues that arise. When necessary, weekend counselors will collaborate with Director of Weekend Services, Student Life administrators, and/or a student’s advisor.
- Attend appropriate training sessions when they arise.
- To complete all necessary reports and records needed for Eagle Hill School.
- Specifically, the entering of log notes pertaining to contributions to the community or interactions with students, both positive and negative.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Belchertown Police Log

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of Dec. 30 through Jan. 5. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 253 calls police responded to, there were nine incidents, five accidents, four arrest/summons and five citations.*

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Saturday, Jan. 2

4:43 p.m. – A summons was issued to a 64-year-old Chicopee man for operating a motor vehicle in violation of a license restriction. Officers and Belchertown fire and paramedics responded to a report of a person who was struck by motor vehicle. The person was reported as unconscious, but breathing. It was also reporting that a paramedic was tending to victim on Rockrimmon Rd. The operator of the vehicle was pulled over on the side of the road and didn't have any injuries. The operator told officers they were going down road and didn't know where the people were along the side of the road. After striking the person, the operator pulled over on side of road went to check on victim. The operator said it was too late by the time they saw the person and that they weren't wearing anything reflective. Photos of the scene were taken and area residents and witnesses were interviewed as well. The party who was struck was transported to the hospital with injuries. The Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Division responded on scene. The vehicle was towed. Officers spoke with the operator, asking if they were wearing eyeglasses and they said no, despite them being listed on their license.

Monday, Jan. 4

6:02 p.m. – An individual was charged with possession of narcotics. The incident remains under investigation.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

6:55 a.m. – A 47 year old Three Rivers woman was charged with unlicensed operation and speeding. An officer conducting radar on North Liberty St. when they observed a vehicle travelling at 55 mph in 35 mph zone. The officer pulled the vehicle over and found that the driver's license expired in May 2020. The party thought there was still an extension in place. They were issued a criminal complaint. A friend of the driver's came out to pick up the vehicle.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 30

1:12 p.m. – Officers took a report of unemployment fraud.  
2:12 – Officers responded to an accident Rt. 202. One vehicle was turning right out of State St. onto Rt. 202. The first operator said they believed there was enough room on the road. A second vehicle was turning left onto Rt. 202. The two vehicles collided while turning. The driver's exchanged information and the second vehicle left the scene. No injuries were reported.  
9:53 p.m. – Officers responded to a one vehicle accident on Summit St. The vehicle was travelling south on Summit St. The operator swerved to avoid a bear and went off the road to the right, scraped an old metal pole with right side. The operator attempted to go back onto the roadway, over steering and crashing into a large board. The vehicle was tuck on the bolder and sustained undercarriage damage. No injuries were reported to the operator and a towing company was contacted.

Thursday, Dec. 31

9:08 p.m. – Officers responded to Dogwood Dr. for a report of property damage. When the officer arrived on scene, a street sign was snapped and a stop sign bend. There were tire tracks in grass of the tree belt. A party tried to flag down the 18-wheeler which caused damage. The Belchertown DPW was contacted to repair the damage. An officer tried to contact the suspected company involved. No further information is available at this time.

Sunday, Jan. 3

7:45 a.m. – Officers met with person in the lobby in reference to missing child. The party ran away from home the day prior in Northampton. The Northampton Police Dept. put a ping on the phone the prior night, which indicated may be at location in Belchertown. The information was posted on Facebook reporting someone said they saw the person going to Stop and Shop and requested assistance. The matter was still under investigation by Northampton police as of Jan. 3.  
7:14 p.m. – Officers responded to a two vehicle accident on George Hannum Rd. One vehicle was stuck in the road due to ice and snow. A second vehicle stopped to check on the first vehicle. A third vehicle, unable to stop due to the snow and ice, was unable to avoid both vehicles, went to the side of the road and struck an embankment. The unidentified vehicle left following the accident.  
7:19 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Bardwell St. One vehicle travelling west failed the navigate a corner drove off the road into a stone wall. There was heavy front-end damage and a guide-wire that was damaged as well. A tow company was contacted to remove the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Jan. 4

5:20 p.m. – Officers took a report of a gift card scam. The reporting party allegedly got a call from their sister who was out of town needed money. The reporting party was asked to get a gift card their sister could send to niece for birthday because didn't have computer and out of town. Mailed back the card number and code later got the notification that it was a scam and the email was hacked. It was remoted No other information at this time.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

6:41 p.m. – Officers were dispatched for a past disturbance at a business involving a customer who already left the business. The business owner had an altercation with the customer. The reporting party sustained a minor injury on the back of their hand. The reporting party declined medical attention but wanted the incident to be documented. The process was taken to trespass the person from the property.

Granby Police Log

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 146 calls for the week of Jan. 1 through Jan. 7. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.*

Friday, Jan. 1

8:52 p.m. – Officers investigated a two car accident at Amherst St and Batchelor St. No injuries were reported.  
10:59 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on Amherst St. The operator drove off the roadway and struck a guardrail.

Sunday, Jan. 3

5:59 p.m. – Officers investigated an incident of property damage. The resident's mailbox was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.  
7:18 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on School St. The operator drove off the roadway and stuck a street sign.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

3:26 p.m. – Officers investigated a two car accident on West State St. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Jan. 7

9:49 a.m. – Officers took a report of identity theft. The incident is still under investigation.  
8:14 p.m. – A criminal citation was issued for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.



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AMHERST

UMass to present video of final performances by Nadine Shank

AMHERST— On Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at 3 p.m., the UMass Amherst Department of Music and Dance will present a virtual concert featuring beloved long-time piano professor Nadine Shank, who passed away in October. The video, titled Celestial Graces: A Remembrance of Nadine Shank, features recent performances by her and numerous current and former colleagues, along with a few selections captured during concerts with her fellow UMass faculty members over the past few years. The free event will be streamed on a one-time-only basis on the department's YouTube channel.

The recent recording sessions were organized at Shank's request following her diagnosis earlier this year with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare form of progressive dementia. Faced with the rapid onset of this incurable disorder, Shank saw these sessions as her last opportunity to experience the joy of performance while also celebrating the many relationships she developed during her decades-long career. Shank met this challenge with her patented mixture of energy, determination, and grace, and has left behind a moving and inspiring testament to her legacy as a performer, educator, and mentor.

Appropriately, Shank's work as a consummate collaborative pianist is the primary focus of the video, which includes recent performances with former UMass faculty members Lynn Klock (saxophone), with whom Shank enjoyed a lengthy musical partnership over many years, and another with close friend and colleague Estela Olevsky (piano). Also featured are current UMass professors Edward Arron (cello) and Gilles Vonsattel (piano). Shank took great joy in collaborating with student musicians and therefore invited young musicians Cynthia Yu (violin), Hannah Berube '13 (clarinet), and Roxanne Welch (soprano) to take part in the recording sessions.

The virtual concert also includes recent footage of Shank performing alongside current UMass colleagues Jonathan Hulting-Cohen (saxophone), a regular performance partner in recent years, as well as Jamie-Rose Guarrine (soprano) and Rémy Taghavi (bassoon). The video concludes with Shank performing solo works by Granados and Liszt, a last poignant reminder of her noteworthy skills as a soloist.

After the full video is presented on Jan. 31, individual selections will remain posted on YouTube for later viewing. The event is free; donations are encouraged to the newly-established Nadine E. Shank Piano Endowment Fund.

NEH announces \$33 Million for 213 humanities projects nationwide

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) today announced \$32.8 million in grants to support 213 humanities projects in 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

“As we conclude an extremely difficult year for our nation and its cultural institutions, it is heartening to see so many excellent projects being undertaken by humanities scholars, researchers, curators, and educators,” said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede. “These new NEH grants will foster intellectual inquiry, promote broad engagement with history, literature, and other humanities fields, and expand access to cultural collections and resources for all Americans.”

In Amherst, Melissa Mueller received \$60,000 for her work on the project “Sappho and Homer: a Reparative Reading” which is research and preparation of a book exploring the reception of Homeric epics in the work of the ancient Greek poet Sappho (c. 630–570 BCE) through UMass Amherst.

Traci Parker, also through UMass Amherst, received \$60,000 for “Beyond Loving: Love, Sex and Marriage in the Black Freedom Movement.” The funds will be going towards research in support of a book manuscript that considers Black love, marriage and family as integral expressions of Black freedom movement ideology.


New NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building grants, which leverage federal funds to incentivize private investment in the nation's cultural institutions, will support projects such as ADA-compliant accessibility and site improvement at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford, Connecticut; and digital infrastructure upgrades to the “Freedom on the Move” database of fugitive slave advertisements from eighteenth- and nineteenth-century U.S. newspapers at Cornell University.

This cycle also includes the first awards made under the NEH/AHRC New Directions for Digital Scholarship in Cultural Institutions program, a joint initiative between NEH and the U.K. Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) to advance digital scholarship at museums, libraries, and archives. These new awards will fund international teams of U.S. and British researchers working on projects such as the digital identification and analysis of watermarks on manuscripts by Isaac Newton, and the refinement of spectral imaging methods for determining the geographic origins of cultural heritage materials with the aim of illuminating historical patterns of global trade and cultural exchange.

Other newly awarded grants will support vital research and training programs intended to improve preservation of the nation's valuable cultural heritage. Among these are a partnership between the University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, and the American Council of the Blind and Helen Keller National Center to develop best practices for creating audio descriptions of humanities collections for blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind users.

Twenty-one NEH Humanities Initiatives grants will advance curricular innovations and enhance educational resources at colleges and universities. T

NEH Fellowships and Awards for Faculty will support humanities scholars in researching and writing books on connections between the Black Death and the origins of the Italian Renaissance, the influence of John Milton's blindness on the poetic language of Paradise Lost, the creation of American Catholicism, and a cultural history of the telephone in America. New NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication, an NEH partnership with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support scholarship in digital formats, will fund work on a virtual reality experience documenting the construction and architectural changes to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome over two millennia, enable publication of the first scholarly edition of the correspondence and writings of American Imagist poet Amy Lowell, and support a digital study of nineteenth-century Black newspapers in Ohio and their role in civic life.



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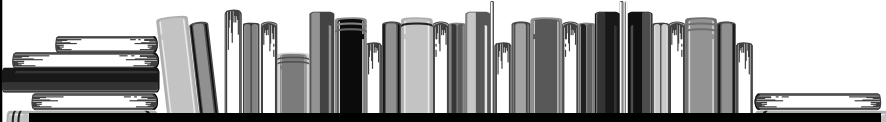
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)

4. Silicon Valley's specialty

8. Gather a harvest

10. Famed mathematician

11. No (slang)

12. Students use one

13. Type of molecule

15. Play make-believe

16. Large barrel-like containers

17. Touching

18. Treats allergies

21. Calendar month

22. Single

23. Cease to live

24. Brew

25. What ghosts say

26. Geological time

27. Focus

34. Discomfort

35. A citizen of Iran

36. Trip

37. Imitate

38. Makes happy

39. Double-reed instrument

40. Body parts

41. Transgressions

42. One-time emperor of Russia

43. Time zone

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Used in treating bruises

2. One who cultivates a small estate

3. One who supports the Pope

4. Annuity

5. Geological period

6. Grab onto tightly

7. Kept

9. Chinese city

10. The most direct route

12. Type of tooth

14. \_\_\_ kosh, near Lake Winnebago

15. Popular veggie

17. Supervises interstate commerce

19. Foolish behaviors

20. Witness

23. Gives

24. Expression of creative skill

25. A way to prop up

26. Midway between northeast and east

27. Winter melon

28. Supernatural power

29. Target

30. Threes

31. A type of poetic verse

32. They make some people cry

33. Kindest

34. Forman and Ventimiglia are two

36. A way to liquefy

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**Docket No. HS20P0662EA**  
**Estate of: Rodney W Gray**

**Date of Death:**  
**June 29, 2020**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Eleanore E Gray** of Belchertown, MA.

**Eleanore E Gray** of Belchertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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**Docket No. HS21P0020EA**  
**Estate of:**  
**Brian Arthur Wilson**  
**Date of Death: 10/10/2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL**

### ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Heather L. Wilson** of Peabody, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Heather L. Wilson** of Peabody, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2021**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 08, 2021  
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Register of Probate  
01/14/2021

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Drive-through testing at HCC is conducted six days a week in parking lot H near the western entrance to the Donahue Building

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More information on all of the Stop the Spread test sites across the state can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

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